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Bull Moosery and Next Year.

The bull moosers are entirely right as to Mr. Roosevelt. No national campaign by them under any other leader would command the slightest attention. How much attention a campaign under him as leader would command is a question. There is so little left of bull moosery, in no longer figures except in very close contests. In Kentucky last month the bull moosers in a state campaign polled less than two thousand votes; but as the democratic candidate for governor had only two hundred odd the better of his republican opponent, the bull moosers—formerly republicans—decided the issue. They were a democratic asset in the campaign.

This will be Mr. Roosevelt's problem next year. Will he solve it in the interest of the democracy? Will he be willing to repeat his performance of 1912?

There is a difference to be noted between the situation of three years ago, and the situation that will confront Mr. Roosevelt in 1916. He bolted at Chicago with two objects in view: (1) To defeat Mr. Taft, and (2) to take a chance to win at the polls. He accomplished the first purpose, but failed with the second.

Next year Mr. Taft will not be in the equation. He himself has so announced. He will not be a factor in Mr. Roosevelt's calculations. Would Mr. Roosevelt as the bull moose candidate have the ghost of a chance to win at the polls? Who believes he would? What is more certain than that the successful candidate next year will be either Woodrow Wilson, or his republican opponent?

As the bull moose candidate, therefore, Mr. Roosevelt would simply be the speed maker for Mr. Wilson. The democratic candidate would exert himself the more, and his supporters exert themselves the more, for the feeling that in Mr. Roosevelt they had an assistant; and in close states he might pull Mr. Wilson through.

Three years ago Mr. Roosevelt had no knowledge of Mr. Wilson except that gathered from observing the latter's course in the governorship of New Jersey. Now he has knowledge of Mr. Wilson as the latter has disclosed himself as President; and he is one of Mr. Wilson's most emphatic and aggressive critics. Does it seem likely that, after condemning both Mr. Wilson's foreign and his domestic policies—particularly the former—Mr. Roosevelt will be willing to aid in the campaign to give Mr. Wilson a second term in the White House?

Should Berlin bring influence to bear on Vienna to hasten a settlement with Italy, it seems probable that something will be accomplished. Germany's suggestions have been finding a great deal of respect in Austria in the past.

The President's message is described as comparatively brief. There would be neither time nor space for Mr. Wilson to tell the country all that is in his mind just now.

*If the Oscar II gets across the ocean without meeting with some kind of explosive interruption it will come as near securing peace as many people expect.

The allies are giving Greece something to think about in connection with railway rates and rebates.

The Ford "Peace Ship."

Mr. Ford is not meeting with tremendous success in filling up his peace ship with Americans of impressive weight as emissaries for the stopping of the war in Europe. It is true that some distinguished men and women have accepted his invitation, but with few exceptions they are what may be called specialists in peace, who have been active for a long time past in the fight against armament and in all altruistic movements of a sociological character. Their good works are legion, but they can hardly be accepted at this particular time as representative of the American spirit regarding the European struggle.

A shipload of peace enthusiasts, however noble their aim to end the horror of strife, cannot be expected to wield a sufficient influence in Europe at this juncture to cause the warring nations to cease their conflict before it has reached the stage at which adjustment is necessary or desirable. This is a conflict of force, and force alone will bring it to a termination. When one side or the other is exhausted peace will come and not until then. That exhaustion may be physical of may be financial, or both. It may come through the sudden refusal of the people of one of the two groups of fighting powers to sacrifice further on the altar of patriotism. It may come through a realization by leaders that the maximum stage has been reached, and that the best terms can now be obtained. But it will not

come because some people outside of the zone of war, whose sufferings are only those of sympathy, who have made no sacrifices, who have no direct knowledge of the causes or the conditions of the conflict, object to war on principle and regard the present struggle as a loathsome spectacle.

If there were no danger that the dispatch of this expedition would cause the people of Europe to misjudge the American people as meddlers there would be no objection to the enterprise. But unfortunately a spectacular affair like this is likely to be mistaken as an expression of American sentiment instead of the enthusiasm of one rich man and a mere handful of others. Already the American colonies in London and Paris have expressed themselves vigorously on the subject in the hope that the project would fall through before it has exposed them to ridicule and possible reprisal. There is still time for Mr. Ford to reconsider the matter and cancel his invitations. Surely the lukewarmness of the response that has been elicited should convince him that the American people do not wish to intrude upon the sorrows of Europe.

Mr. Wilson and Preparedness.

Although Mr. Wilson has taken a firm stand for preparedness, there is an effort making to induce or oblige him to abandon or compromise it. What will be the outcome? As The Star stated the other day, the case of Mr. Cleveland and the tariff is somewhat in point. Mr. Cleveland was approaching the time for renomination when he took up the tariff. He had been urged to take it up earlier, but had declined. No sooner, however, had he made the tariff the paramount issue for his second campaign than two factions showed in his party. The tariff for revenue only democrats were delighted; the protection democrats correspondingly depressed. The latter, led by Mr. Gorman, then in the Senate, and by Mr. Whitney, then in the cabinet, brought pressure to bear, and Mr. Cleveland wobbled, and in his campaign for re-election was defeated.

Mr. Wilson is a convert to preparedness. He was urged a year ago, and even earlier, to take up the question, but declined. He thought it "academic," and said so very frankly. At that time he was in full agreement with Mr. Bryan on the subject.

Now that he has made it the paramount issue for his second campaign, Mr. Wilson has discovered that preparedness has divided his party. He is leading one faction, and Mr. Bryan and Mr. Kitchen are leading the other.

If pressure is brought to bear to make him shift his ground or modify his recommendations, Mr. Wilson should resist it. A wabble might be his undoing. The opponents of preparedness have greatly increased their activity since Mr. Wilson announced his change of opinion; and it may be several months before the vote is called in Congress. So that the opposition, being much in earnest and well led, may be expected to play all legitimate cards in its game.

Mr. Wilson wants to be re-elected, and to that end must have a united party behind him. Factionism, therefore, has perils. Beginning in one issue, it may, unless promptly and properly handled, spread to others; and nothing is plainer than that if Mr. Wilson is defeated in his own party on preparedness—induced to wobble—he will be assailed there on other issues, and his prestige as party leader greatly impaired, as Mr. Cleveland's was, on the eve of his second campaign.

It is hoped that Villa's retirement to the bandit class will not cause serious contest among ambitious generals for the distinction of being the accepted leader of the revolution. If Mexican traditions still prevail, the Villa vacancy is a tempting one.

Suggestions of a combination by Turkey and Greece implies a complete forgetting of some old-time antagonisms that figured with importance in history.

The peace ship has met with some satirical and perhaps irritating comment. But people who love peace must know how to keep their tempers.

There are moments when democrats wonder whether Col. Bryan in reaching for the olive branch did not accidentally pick up a big stick.

Progressives looking for a leader assume that Col. Roosevelt is still feeling like a bull moose.

The peace ship joke is not nearly so cheerful and harmless as the motor car joke.

The Wilmington Explosion.

By an explosion that destroyed one of the small packing houses of the du Pont Powder Company, near Wilmington, yesterday, thirty-one workmen were killed and six fatally injured. Immediately the suspicion arises that this may have been caused by one of the agitators against the American munitions supply of the allies, for such explosions have been occurring, though with less fatal results, frequently since the war began at all of the powder works in this country handling war orders. It is not, however, by any means inevitable that this disaster was the work of a "plotter." Explosives will "let go" in the most mysterious circumstances. Unfortunately they seldom leave any trace of cause. In this case the building and all of the occupants were utterly annihilated. It is unfortunate that there is no certain way of determining the nature and cause of this disaster, for notwithstanding the inherent liability of explosives to detonate in manufacture and handling, which should raise a presump-

tion of accidental cause, a suspicion is immediately bred in the public mind that this latest explosion is due to partisan work. If that is true a crime of great magnitude has been committed. If not true, a serious injustice will be done by the generation of unjust suspicion.

The Great Falls Power Bill.

The decision of Senator Norris to reintroduce his bill providing for the construction of the proposed Great Falls power plant is gratifying, especially in view of the unwillingness of the administration to recommend the matter for enactment at this session of Congress. Secretary Garrison in his dissenting opinion does not question the ultimate necessity of the utilization of the Potomac power, but doubts the economic wisdom of undertaking it at present. As for the increase of the water supply, doubtless there is a large measure of reason in the Secretary's contention, but if the Potomac power is to be utilized at all it is economically urgent to begin now. Every year of delay means waste. It is feasible to construct the power dam and plant without reference to the water supply increase, which can be postponed, if desirable, for several seasons. While it is true that the government's revenues are now at low ebb, with large expenditures in prospect for national defense, this project, which will require several years in execution, will not impose immediate heavy burden upon the United States. Indeed, there is every probability that before the situation will have been radically changed by the course of events, so that the comparatively small annual appropriations will not be felt. Senator Norris' bill should receive the consideration which the merits of the project warrant, regardless of the lack of an administrative indorsement for present action.

References to the nation as prosperous and peaceful merely serve to remind Col. Roosevelt that the description fits just such a nation as an unprosperous and quarrelsome country would feel like going after.

In commenting on attacks on Philippine policies as "mendacious and malicious" Secretary Garrison makes it plain that the administration is not without its resourceful rhetoric.

The Chicago doctor who let the baby die for scientific reasons can easily demonstrate that he was not out for free advertising by not inviting any more of it.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Novelty.

"Anything new in the show?" asked the local manager. "Yes," answered the visiting agent. "The biggest supply of new songs, new faces, new jokes ever shown in captivity. Just to show you the trouble we've taken with that show, we've been collecting all that material for the last ten years."

"Patience," said Uncle Eben, "is what everybody thinks everybody else needs."

Greatness and Efficiency.

"A great man's mind is superior to envy," remarked the philosopher. "Yes," replied the ordinary person; "he does it he's great enough to get what he goes after instead of having to see some one else walk off with it."

Impacts.

How oft our fond intentions flit And lead us to a slump; How oft we try to make a hit And only get a bump!

Courage and Persistence.

"The man who doesn't know when he is whipped has my admiration." "Mine, too," replied Broncho Bob; "unless he's one of the kind that thinks they're still fightin' when they're only hollerin'."

This is the time that you mentioned last year as the one at which you would begin to do your Christmas shopping next year.

Exaggerations.

When a man goes out on a Sunday morn', Regarding evil with righteous scorn, And on lofty purpose intent—ah, me! He isn't as good as he seems to be!

And when he is out with a jolly crew Exchanging the old, old yaris anew, I venture to say with a mindful wink, He isn't as bad as he'd have you think.

We live through the days that are glad or gloom, In a delicate equilibrium, Unstable of mood; and you'll find no friend As good or as bad as he may pretend.

Knitting Socks.

From the Philadelphia Press. Knitting socks for soldiers has been made the basis of funny jokes, but knitting socks or supplying any conceivable comfort for the sufferers is a noble and useful work. No work or thought can make the coming months anything but a time of bitter misery, and any effort which in any measure alleviates the terrible conditions will not be beneath the notice of the men who are responsible for the conduct of the war.

Only Bryan Knows.

From the Philadelphia Press. The demand that the President shall end the war is 10,000 times stronger, but the President, of course, hesitates. Only Mr. Bryan knows how to stop the war, and he won't do it.

Christmas.

From the Baltimore American. America as the friend of the world will need for Christmas the largest of hearts and the longest of purses.

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From the Boston Transcript. Our idea of an optimist is Brand Whitlock, who says he expects to go back as minister to Belgium.

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Outfits, priced from.....
Third Floor—Infants' Department.

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Upholstery Dept.—Fourth Floor.

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Thousands of women have taken advantage of the extraordinary values which we have offered in this great sale. Thousands and thousands of yards of absolutely first quality merchandise was purchased by us at big price concessions—these savings we are passing on to you. If you have not been here this week, be sure and come tomorrow—and choose from the following:

\$1.39 Costume Corduroy 27 and 33 Inches Wide at..... 85c
Costume Corduroy, so much in vogue this season, at such an extremely low price should cause sensational selling tomorrow. These are the full cut and medium size cord; color assortment includes Brown, Navy, Cardinal, Gray, Havana, Garnet, Myrtle, Tan, Covert, Wild Rose, Field Mouse, White and black.

\$1.00 All-Silk Tub Silks..... 69c
32 and 36 inch All-silk Wash Silks that are guaranteed to wash and retain color and finish; white grounds with beautiful colored stripes, in all color combinations. Suitable for men's shirts and women's wear.

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\$1.25 and \$1.50 Chiffon Broadcloths..... 79c
48 to 56 inch Imported and Domestic Chiffon Broadcloths, with a very rich, lustrous and permanent finish. All the new fall shades to select from, such as myrtle, olive, African brown, pruned, navy, Copenhagen, Belgian blue, Bulgarian red, field mouse, taupe, golden brown, sand, tans, castor, grays, purple, red, black, etc., to go at our very special price, per yard, 79c.

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Neckwear—Main Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

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Ladies' All-linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, with embroidered initial in corner; 6 in box for \$1.00, or each..... 25c

Men's Japonette Handkerchiefs; hemstitched, with embroidered initial in corner; 6 in box, 50c, or each..... 10c

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Main Floor—Handkerchiefs.

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Children's Umbrellas of rainproof American taffeta; handles suitable for boys or girls, At 75c and \$1.00

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Main Floor—Umbrellas.